

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1054**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Coto**

February 27, 2009

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An act to amend Section 11629.79 of the Insurance Code, relating to motor vehicle insurance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1054, as introduced, Coto. Motor vehicle insurance: assigned risk.

Existing law establishes a low-cost automobile insurance program for all counties, as specified. Under existing law, the certain counties were authorized to commence operations on January 1, 2000 and January 1, 2006, and also authorized the commissioner to adopt emergency regulations in order to implement those programs.

This bill would delete the authorization for the commissioner to adopt those regulations as emergency regulations.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 11629.79 of the Insurance Code is  
2     amended to read:  
3     11629.79. (a) The program for the County of Los Angeles and  
4     the City and County of San Francisco is authorized to commence  
5     operations on January 1, 2000, but shall be fully operational no  
6     later than July 1, 2000.

1 (b) To this end, the commissioner, in consultation with the  
2 California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan, shall adopt regulations  
3 to implement the provisions of this article within 60 days of its  
4 effective date. ~~The regulations shall be adopted as emergency~~  
5 ~~regulations in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with~~  
6 ~~Section 11340) of the Government Code, and for purposes of that~~  
7 ~~chapter, the adoption of the regulations shall be considered by the~~  
8 ~~Office of Administrative Law to be necessary for the immediate~~  
9 ~~preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and general~~  
10 ~~welfare.~~

11 (c) The program for the Counties of Alameda, Fresno, Orange,  
12 Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego shall commence  
13 operations on April 1, 2006, and shall be made operational in all  
14 other counties of California according to the discretion of the  
15 commissioner. The commissioner, in consultation with the  
16 California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan, shall adopt regulations  
17 to implement the expansion of the program to these counties. ~~The~~  
18 ~~regulations shall be adopted as emergency regulations in~~  
19 ~~accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340)~~  
20 ~~of the Government Code, and for purposes of that chapter, the~~  
21 ~~adoption of the regulations shall be considered by the Office of~~  
22 ~~Administrative Law to be necessary for the immediate preservation~~  
23 ~~of the public peace, health and safety, and general welfare.~~